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TITLE OF INVENTION: SEMANTIC-BASED TRANSACTIONAL SUPPORT AND RECOVERY FOR NESTED COMPOSITE SOFTWARE SERVICES

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Qing Chen

Applicant(s)

MASSOUDI, ARASH

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the election filed on February 26, 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 20-28, renumbered as 1-9.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: ____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 20081121, 20090420
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is in response to the election filed on February 26, 2009.
2. **Claims 20-28** are pending.
3. **Claims 20-28** are elected.
4. **Claims 20-26 and 28** have been amended.
5. **Claims 1-19 and 29** have been canceled.
6. **Claims 20-28** are allowed, renumbered as 1-9.
7. The objections to the specification are withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendments to the specification.
8. The objections to Claims 8 and 10-14 are withdrawn in view of Applicant's cancellation of the claims.
9. The 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejections of Claims 1-15 are withdrawn in view of Applicant's cancellation of the claims.
10. The 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections of Claims 1-15 are withdrawn in view of Applicant's cancellation of the claims.
11. The 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejections of Claims 1-15 are withdrawn in view of Applicant's cancellation of the claims.

Terminal Disclaimer

12. The terminal disclaimer filed on May 6, 2009 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of Patent

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Number 7,533,387 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Election/Restrictions

13. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of Claims 16-19 and 29 directed to inventions non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, Claims 16-19 and 29 have been canceled.

Examiner's Amendment

14. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sara D. Jones (Reg. No. 47,691) on May 6, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 16-19 and 29 and amend Claims 20-26 and 28 as follows:

16-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) In a computing system having one or more computers configured to invoke one or more composite software services, each composite software service containing one or more embedded software services, a method of creating a context for a composite software service, the method comprising:

identifying a composite software service containing one or more embedded software services;

receiving a request to invoke the composite software service;

tracking in an execution graph connectivity and data dependencies among the one or more embedded software services contained within the composite software service including tracking any context-sensitive attributes for the one or more embedded software services, the context-sensitive attributes declaring whether an embedded software service is transactional and recovery behavior of the embedded software service upon a termination event, wherein the recovery behavior is at least one of compensate, rollback or commit;

tracking in an invocation map, based on the execution graph, a context of the composite software service, the context including states of execution of the one or more embedded software services;

associating a unique ID ~~for~~ with the invocation of each of the one or more embedded software services for the purpose of recovery from an unknown state;

invoking one of the one or more embedded software services;

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when receiving an indication that invocation of one of the one or more embedded software services ~~has succeeded~~ was successful, updating a state of the successful embedded software service in the invocation map; and

when receiving an indication that invocation of one of the one or more embedded software services was unsuccessful, using the unique ID associated with the unsuccessful embedded software service to re-invoke the unsuccessful embedded software service.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the invocation map is further configured to store an object holding a context of a shared memory such that changes to the shared memory based on the context-sensitive attributes are reflected.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein when receiving an indication that invocation of one of the one or more embedded software services ~~has succeeded~~ was successful comprises determining whether all of the one or more embedded software services of the composite software service are consumed successfully including a successful routing of any services that failed.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein when receiving an indication that invocation of all of the one or more embedded software services ~~has succeeded~~ was successful further comprises:

determining whether the composite software service is a root service such that it is contained within another composite software service;

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if the composite software service is a root service, committing together all of the one or more embedded software services; and

if the composite software service is not a root service, waiting until the composite software service receives a commit or rollback call from a context of the another composite software service.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein when receiving an indication that invocation of one of the one or more embedded software services was unsuccessful comprises determining whether any of the one or more embedded software services of the composite software service are consumed unsuccessfully without having a predefined routing upon failure.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein when receiving an indication that invocation of one of the one or more embedded software services was unsuccessful, rolling back a context of ~~the~~ an instance of the composite software service.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the invocation map further stores modifications to shared data structures accessed in a definition of the composite software service as an object holding a context of ~~the~~ a shared memory and updating the invocation map to reflect changes or discarding changes done to the shared memory based on a context of ~~the~~ a composite software service instance.

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28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
obtaining a context of the service library;
preparing a software service associated to the ~~implementing~~ service library within the
~~unique context obtained from the~~ service library context; and
performing a recovery behavior on the service library context upon a termination event.

29. (Canceled)

-- END OF AMENDMENT --

Reasons for Allowance

15. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The cited prior art taken alone or in combination fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations, "tracking in an execution graph connectivity and data dependencies among the one or more embedded software services contained within the composite software service including tracking any context-sensitive attributes for the one or more embedded software services, the context-sensitive attributes declaring whether an embedded software service is transactional and recovery behavior of the embedded software service upon a termination event, wherein the recovery behavior is at least one of compensate, rollback or commit; tracking in an invocation map, based on the execution graph, a context of the composite software service, the context including states of execution of the one or more embedded software services; associating a unique ID with the invocation of each of the one or more embedded

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software services for the purpose of recovery from an unknown state” as recited in independent Claim 20.

The closest cited prior art, the combination of US 2003/0233602 (hereinafter “Lindquist”) and US 2002/0194244 (hereinafter “Raventos”), teaches binding Web services through the operation of a grid mechanism. However, the combination of Lindquist and Raventos fails to teach “tracking in an execution graph connectivity and data dependencies among the one or more embedded software services contained within the composite software service including tracking any context-sensitive attributes for the one or more embedded software services, the context-sensitive attributes declaring whether an embedded software service is transactional and recovery behavior of the embedded software service upon a termination event, wherein the recovery behavior is at least one of compensate, rollback or commit; tracking in an invocation map, based on the execution graph, a context of the composite software service, the context including states of execution of the one or more embedded software services; associating a unique ID with the invocation of each of the one or more embedded software services for the purpose of recovery from an unknown state” as recited in independent Claim 20.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

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Conclusion

16. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

17. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Qing Chen whose telephone number is 571-270-1071. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The Examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Wei Zhen, can be reached on 571-272-3708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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